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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY 6.00PM.

SUNDAY 8.00AM AND 11.15AM

Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

2nd and 3rd of March 2019

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

For all of the advances of modern science, especially the sciences of psychology and human behavior, we human beings remain remarkably mysterious to one another. Even spouses who have spend decades in an intimate relationship can still surprise, perhaps shock each other with unexpected disclosures or behaviors. Conscious of such complexity, we may find the biblical tradition about human nature too simplistic for our liking. Jesus takes on board the wisdom inherited from his forebears in faith. How do you judge a person's character? How do you know what is in a persons heart? You look at their actions and you listen to their words. A person's words or actions flow from the goodness or badness in their heart. Thousands of years on, paying attention to what people say and od is till the best first thing do , even if secrets remain. Time and again the gospel writes report on how astonished the people were at Jesus' power to heal and of his teaching. Was it because they sensed that his words and deeds perfectly matched what was in their heart?

Challenging time ahead

It has been another difficult week for Catholics . With the conviction of George Pell, we will all have different ways of both responding to this news and making sense of it. With the sustained media focus on the Catholic Church, this week may shake the faith of some Catholics in Church but it should not impact our faith in Jesus.

Let us, as the community members of SSPP and OLOP acknowledge with respect those who have had the courage to come forward and let us continue to pray for healing for those who have been abused . Let us also respect the Australian Legal system and the due process of the law.

In spite of what is happening however , the SSPP and OLOP community will continue to provide support and Christ like love to hundreds of vulnerable people in our wider community. We will continue to be there for those who need us spiritually, emotionally and in any other practical way.

As members of SSPP and OLOP , we must once again walk in faith in ways we never imagined. We are a people of hope who seek justice, peace, truth, healing , compassion and communion with one another.

On this the last Sunday prior to Lent we gather around the table of the Lord. We pray that God will continue to journey with us as we search to understand, accept and acknowledge the challenges of our times.

Fr Jerald.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday falls on the 6th of March 2019. Our Masses are as follows

- 11.30am Whole School Mass
 - 7.30pm – Ash Wed Evening Mass.
- Every Friday 7.30 – Stations of the Cross

Please make a note of the times.

FUNDS TRANSFER to the Notre Dame de Sion Local Children's Education Fund Jerusalem

I am pleased to advise that we have transferred the amount of \$A11,000 being the proceeds of our One in a Hundred Appeal for 2018 and the first months of 2019. Thanks from Sr Trudy and Harry for your great support enabling this to happen. We will launch the next Appeal for 2019/20 at the end of May, and hope for a continuation of your support.

Archbishop Comensoli has issued a statement on recent events and copies are now available in the Narthex.

**Liturgical Ministry Formation For
Extraordinary Minister of Communion
during Mass**

The mass is made up of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, inextricably connected to form one single act of worship. The ministry of Extraordinary Minister of Communion during Mass is an essential component of this ritual action. When performed well, this service of sacred hospitality can have a profound impact on the celebration and on all those participating. Mary Ryan, Co-ordinator of Adult Faith Formation at The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation will facilitate a formation workshop focusing on this key ministry, to explore the theological underpinnings and best practice of delivery. The workshop offers biblical, spiritual, and practical liturgical guidance for those who serve. Whether you are already participating in the existing roster or would like to be trained, you are invited to refresh and deepen your understanding of this vital ministry.

Date: Thurs 14th March 2019
Time: 7 – 9pm (6.30pm registration and light refreshments)
Venue: Ss Peter and Paul's Parish, Doncaster East (23 Leeds Street, Doncaster East, Vic 3109)
Registration: By March 4th via
Tel: 9842 1480 / email: doncastereast@cam.org.au

Fr Jerald

Fr Jerald has confirmed that he will be going in for surgery to remove his Kidney Stones on Friday the 8th of March. We will therefore have the assistance of supply priest for the weekend of 9th and 10th of March. Please continue to keep Fr Jerald in your prayers.

Money Counting Roster

The new money counting roster, effective from the 10th of March is now available for collection in the Narthex. Please pick your roster up on your way out today.

Lenten Reflection and Discussion Afternoon

Our parish Lenten Reflection and Discussion program this year will be held every Tues 2pm to 3.30pm, beginning March 12th. Please put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to attend.

**Family Group
Father Peter McGrath CP
1939 – 2018**

On the third of March 2019 we mark the first anniversary of the passing of Father Peter. For us, as members of the Passionist Family Group Movement, it is a time to pause, reflect and give thanks for his life and ministry amongst us and to pray for him, his family and ourselves, his friends.



**Ss Peter & Paul's
Doncaster East**



Achieving Together in Faith

OPEN DAY 2019

Wednesday 13 March

School Tours

9:30am 2:00pm 6:00pm

SPARC Worship Night
You are warmly invited to a very special Lent Worship Night!
Saturday 30th March – 6.00pm
At Ss Peter and Paul's Church

Lent is a season in which we are called to stop whatever it is we are doing, no matter how important it might be, and intentionally enter into prayer, self-examination and repentance with the sole purpose of returning to God with all our hearts. This goes beyond the usual "What am I giving up for Lent this year" and really exhorts us to ask ourselves "How can I give all of myself: my dreams, my hopes, my fears, my life, my heart, to God?"

As we prepare for Easter, we invite you to carve out some time to join us in preparing our hearts for this truth - that God loves us so much that He gave His all through Jesus that we might be saved.

LADIES LUNCHEON GROUP

DATE FUNCTION

18 MARCH: Morning Melodies at Cherry Hill Tavern – Reynolds Road, with Vincent O'Connor presenting "All Irish Affair". This includes Morning tea, lunch & show for \$15 - 10am morning tea (be there early for parking), 10.30am show with 3 course lunch at 11.30am. If you enjoy Irish music, a lively Irish jig and would like to join us, please contact Muriel on 0417 055 617 asap. Limited bookings.

3 APRIL: Stix & Stones Restaurant, 410 Main Road, Lower Plenty (9439 4888). Lunch Menu 1 course with choice of wine, beer or soft drink is \$25 and 2 course \$35 with a drink.

Anyone interested please book with Muriel on 0417 0550617.

We are looking forward to trying new venues and sharing great fellowship together. Come and join us.

The Holy Cross Centre, 2017 Serpells Road, Templestowe

Recruiting for the twenty third Annual Melbourne Passion Play is now under way. Here is your opportunity to be part of the re-enactment of the Ministry of Christ that has been enjoyed by thousands over the years. No acting experience is necessary. Only six rehearsals. Men and women are urgently required to fill the various roles. Crew members are also required. To take part in this fantastic production, contact the Director, Robert Durai. Enquiries: Robert Durai, 0422 130 014. Details: www.passionplay.info.

Parish Groups

<p>VISITATION GROUP The next Visitation Group meeting is scheduled for Friday 5th April 2019 at 10.15am in the Parish Centre. New members are always welcome.</p>	<p>ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th of March 2019 at 9.30am.</p>
<p>SUPPORT GROUP- for widows, widowers and separated We will advise of the new date for this meeting in due course. For enquiries, please contact Peter - 0413 015 061 or 9840 6248 or padess53@gmail.com</p>	<p>MEN'S COFFEE CLUB Men of the parish who are shift workers or have retired, on holidays or simply have time on their hands, are invited to meet for a Men's Coffee Club Gathering. camaraderie! Meetings are held every Tuesday at 11.00am in the Drop In Centre. Tel: Kevin on 9848 7858.</p>
<p>1 in a 100 Appeal The next collection is due on Sunday the 28th March 2019 for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion Jerusalem and the Palestinians.</p>	<p>DROP-IN CENTRE Open every Monday morning from 11.00am - 2.30pm <u>except during school holidays.</u></p>
<p>KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS Meet every second Tuesday of the month in the Drop in Centre from 7.30 – 9.30pm. New members always welcome.</p>	<p>PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS Monday and Thursday: 9.00-5.00pm Tuesday and Wednesday: 9.00-3.00pm Friday: 9.00-4.00pm</p>
<p>Ladies Afternoon Tea: Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the Drop In Centre at 2.00pm. Call Bernadette for more information on 0414 879 270</p>	<p>Ladies Monthly Luncheon Ladies Monthly luncheon will be held on the first Wednesday of the month. Please contact Muriel O'Gorman on 9840 7484 .</p>

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

Parish Priest: Fr Jerald Mariadas
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Chairman of Parish Pastoral Council:
 David Ng: lipmian_ng@hotmail.com
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 Principal: Mrs Patricia Vandekolk
Pastoral Worker Cheryl Tay: Cheryl.Tay@cam.org.au
Rosary: Monday to Saturday after
 Mass/Communion Service

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Fridays after morning Mass until 10.30am
Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am and 5.30pm
 and any weekday after Mass

Baptisms: On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every month
 at 12.45pm by appointment


Weddings: By appointment

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

The next Divine Mercy Devotion will be held in our
 Church on Friday 5th April 2019 from 7.30-8.30pm.
 There will be Exposition, Divine Mercy Chaplet and
 Reconciliation.

9th and 10th of March 2019
1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:4-10		Projector Operators
Romans 10:8-13		
Luke 4:1-13		
6.00pm Readers Commentator	Paul O'Hanlon Joan Easdown	Nick Soo
8.00am Readers Commentator	Diana Ting Frank Smit	Julie Sykes
11.15am Reader Commentator	Frank Burke Angela Gunanayagam	Julika Gunanayagam
Altar Servers	6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am	Chantelle and Alex Volunteer Mitchell and Amelia
Money Counters	Group 1: Pat and George Cooper	Leo and Lyn Hammond
Children's Liturgy	On the 1st and 3 rd Sundays, at the 11.15am mass, except during school holidays.	

Our Prayers are asked for those **who died recently:** **Tony Tomic** and for those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time: Malcolm Parris, Rebecca Wise, Rosa Vasarelli, Esmond Downey, Maria and Gino Borsato, Loe Monahan, James Donnelly, Bill Manders, Lilian Louisa Soraghan, Maria Ricciotti, Filomena Ricciotti, Duncan Monahan, Antonino Delpopolo, Antonio Chiodo, Guisepppe D'Abaco, Laurence Bongiorno, Joseph Liew, Angelina Cardillo, 
For those who are sick: Madeline Gilmore, Dan McMahon, Teresita Leung, June Webster, Ann Tobin, Joel Pemberton, Angela Selva, Anthoula Miras, Danny and Alice Zanon, Margaret Jansen, Teresa Talia, Gaetano and Inez Paolini, Mong Kee Lim, Mary Ritus, Lois Norton Old, Caroline Tang, Salaka Hewamaduma, Priyanthi Perera, Josh Davis, Maree Spinks, Joyce Foo, Peter Wilkinson, Pamela Bruce, Anthony Calcagno, Imogen Giffening, Chin Lan Chan, Audrey O'Connor, Monica Hiew, Tai Thomas, Maraka Stilo, Philip Tay, Petrina Tay, Pat Carty, Marie Simpson, Khek Hong Tan, Choi Yeng Chew, Marie and Graham Simpson, Joseph K Y Lee, Catherine Poon, Anthony Formosa and Fr Jerald.

MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of
Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale
& Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster

<i>NB. "CS" indicates Communion Service only</i>	OLOP	SSPP
Monday	-	9am CS
Tuesday	-	9am Mass
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday 9.00am Mass – Rosary after morning mass	Ash Wednesday 11.30am Mass 7.30pm Mass
Thursday	9am CS	9.00 Mass
Friday	9am CS	9.00am CS 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross
Saturday	5pm VIGIL	9am Mass- 6pm VIGIL
SUNDAY	9:30am	8am, 11.15am

Communion Minsters

6.00pm	8.00am	11.15am
Nevisa D'Souza, Lorraine Lednar, Lucia Dorissa	Muriel O'Gorman, Barbara Gratton, Wendy Davis	Rita Gunanayagam, Verna Carter, Nicole Morabito

Did You Know

Parables are often used by Jesus as a teaching tool. They are generally brief stories with a double meaning, and we should read them for their metaphorical interpretation rather than their literal meaning